

QUESTIONS FOR JUDGES

HOW DID YOU BECOME A JUDGE?

ARE CALIFORNIA JUDGES APPOINTED OR ELECTED? HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK?

WHAT KINDS OF CASES OR DISPUTES ARE BROUGHT TO YOUR COURTROOM?

WHAT KINDS OF DECISIONS DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE? WHAT IS A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION YOU HAVE MADE?

WHAT KINDS OF JUDGES MAKE WHAT KINDS OF DECISIONS?

BESIDES BEING IN CHARGE OF A COURTROOM, WHAT OTHER JOBS OR RESPONSIBILITIES DOES A JUDGE HAVE?

CAN A PERSON LOSE HIS OR HER POSITION AS A JUDGE? WHAT WOULD BE SOME OF THE REASONS FOR THIS?

ARE THERE ANY LAWS THAT A JUDGE CAN ENFORCE ON HIS OR HER OWN?

AS A JUDGE, CAN YOU DECIDE WHAT TAKES PLACE IN YOUR COURTROOM?

ARE THERE ANY LAWS WHICH GOVERN WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR COURTROOM? IF SO, WHO MADE THOSE LAWS?

ARE THERE ANY STATE LAWS WHICH A JUDGE MUST FOLLOW?

ARE THERE ANY FEDERAL LAWS WHICH A JUDGE MUST FOLLOW?

WHY DO SOME CASES HAVE A JURY TO DECIDE THEM AND SOME HAVE THE JUDGE ONLY?

CAN A JUDGE EXCLUDE A PERSON FROM SERVING ON A JURY? WHY WOULD THAT BE NECESSARY?

IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN OVERRULE THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE IN YOUR COURTROOM?

CAN A JUDGE TELL A LAWYER THAT HE IS TAKING TOO MUCH TIME IN QUESTIONING A WITNESS?

CAN YOU EXPLAIN "FAMILY COURT"? WHAT KINDS OF CASES ARE BROUGHT TO FAMILY COURT?

IN FAMILY COURT, WHEN CAN A CHILD HAVE HIS OR HER OWN LAWYER?

ARE CHILDREN AND ADULTS ACCUSED OF A CRIME TREATED THE SAME IN COURT?

ARE THERE DIFFERENT RULES GOVERNING JUVENILE COURT COMPARED TO "ADULT" COURT?